

Lamorinda ARTS ALLIANCE

NEWSLETTER

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www.laa4art.org

*"Above the hills, along the blue,
Round the bright air with footing true,
To please the child, to paint the rose,
The gardener of the World, he goes."*

- Robert Louis Stevenson, *Summer Sun*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LAA was very proud to be chosen as the second exhibitor at Walnut Creek Library's Marketplace Gallery. The first exhibitor is Valley Art Gallery, a nonprofit, volunteer gallery with 55 years of history in Walnut Creek.

Thirty four pieces by 25 LAA artists were accepted for our show. Thank you to all who entered. The show will run from Sep.15 through Nov.13. Stop by to see the new Walnut Creek Library and the current exhibit. It is an elegant building with a lot of original art work.

Thank you to Beryl Glen Reiland for heading up the LAA art exhibit at the Orinda Library. Again, be sure to go by and see it. All those who helped set it up did an excellent job.

Open Studios is coming up. Sign up by the Aug.14 deadline to avoid late fees. We expect it to be an outstanding event again this year.

<http://www.laa4art.org/openstudiosappl.pdf>

The Bedford Gallery in Walnut Creek has a new show entitled "A National Exhibition of Book Art." It was timed to coincide with the opening of the new library. An artist's workshop will be held on Sunday Sept. 12th from 1-4 p.m. to construct a French Fold Book. If interested call 925-295-1417.

Spread the word about LAA and all that we do in our community to support the arts. Encourage friends to join and to support us in turn.

*Donna Marie Arganbright,
LAA President*

Orinda Library Exhibit

A chore becomes a pleasure when everybody works together with a very satisfactory conclusion.

Many, many thanks for the all the efforts made to present this story unfolding frame by frame of the Lamorinda Arts Alliance. You all made it possible!

A particular thanks to George Ehrenhaft for the hanging; a bringing together of paintings and 3D works which allied our artists' talents for the Orinda community to enjoy.

Let's do it again next year!

*Beryl Glen-Reiland,
LAA Outreach and Development*



Lafayette Studio News

Join the First Friday Critique Group, **1:30-3pm** on **August 6**.

Please join us for constructive critique and lively conversation. Learn how we can use a fresh eye to identify the dynamics of our paintings. Please bring one-three pieces of your work. We will also discuss future critiques and their structure. We hope to have this group meet once a month, for an hour or two. Cost is \$6 for LAA members and \$10 for non members.

Paint with **Marcy Wheeler** in **Yosemite**, **October 12-16** for only \$5/day!

More on our website: www.lafayettestudio.org

Lafayette Gallery News



"Plat du Jour" by Jeanette Baird, acrylic on canvas

The Lafayette Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of our new show, **Snap**, which explores the artist's relationship to photography.

Artistic inspiration from photography can take many forms. One artist may chose to explore a photographic image by rendering it closely, while another may use it as only a reference and starting point for their interpretation using paint, pastel, pencil or clay. Some artists use the actual photographic print in their art making

process, as is done in solar etching and Polaroid transfers. Others may collage the image directly into their artwork. In the hands of an abstract artist, the photo can stimulate a form of expression that may play with one or more elements of the image, such as the color, mood, or texture. And in some cases, the artful eye capturing a moment in time creates a photo that by itself is the work of art. All of these photography-inspired art forms may be seen in this exciting new show of work by the 23 artists of the Lafayette Gallery.

Snap, an exhibit of the interrelationships of artist and photograph runs from Aug.10 - Oct.9.

Lafayette Gallery is a 23 member cooperative at 50 Lafayette Circle in downtown Lafayette. Gallery artists show work in many mediums including printmaking, oil and acrylic paintings, jewelry, ceramics, photography and pastel.

Lafayette Gallery
50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette, CA 94549
Tuesday -- Saturday, 11AM - 5 PM
www.lafayettegallery.net



"Old Piano" by Judy Miller, photograph

Moraga Art Gallery News

Moraga Art Gallery will present a new group show, "**Favorites**", featuring **John Diestler's** photographs and **Nancy Slack's** fused glass.

A Contra Costa County native, John has been making art for more than 40 years. His favorite media is stone, but for the last 20 years he has been investigating digital art, particularly with digital photography as a source.

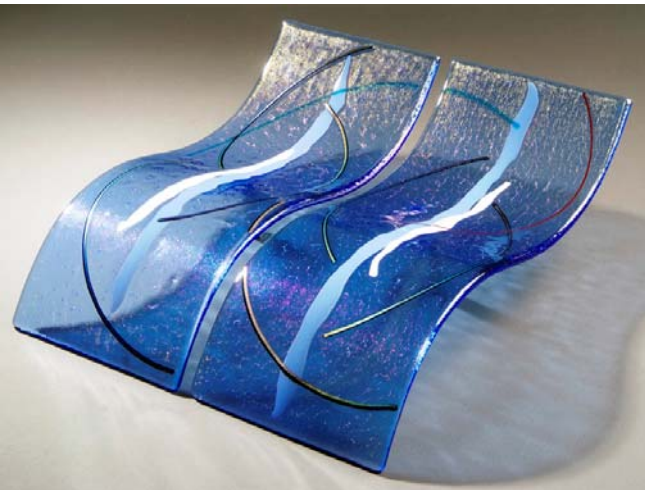


John Diestler, digital photograph

John began teaching in 1981 in graphic design; since 2000, he has taught digital photography, digital art, multimedia and art appreciation. He is currently the art department chairman at Contra Costa College.

John put together a collection of personal favorite images from the last 10 years for this show.

Nancy Slack is a relative newcomer to the area, but has been fusing glass for eight years. Nancy creates one-of-a-kind, functional platters and bowls, as well as wall and table art. She also likes making her own molds and patterns so that every piece is as unique as the glass itself. Featured in this show are favorite designs and shapes in a variety of colors. Nancy enjoys custom work as well, working with customers to find the exact colors, style and shape they need. She teaches others to make beautiful work of their own in her studio.



"Waves" by Nancy Slack, wall hanging (2-pieces)

Moraga Gallery is a cooperative gallery showing the works of 20 local artists in a variety of media: watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings; pottery; photography; mixed media; jewelry and glass designs. The show begins Aug. 15, followed by an opening reception, 3-5 p.m., Aug. 21 and ends Oct. 23.

Many of the gallery artists will join John and Nancy at the show's opening reception Saturday, Aug. 21, 3-5 p.m. The public is invited to come meet the artists and enjoy the new work.

Moraga Art Gallery
570 Center St, Moraga 94556
Tuesday -- Sunday, noon-5 pm.
www.moragaartgallery.com
925-376-5407

Terzetto Restaurant Show

Leslie Swartz, a member of the Moraga Art Gallery, will have her art on display at Terzetto Cuisine Restaurant on **August 28**.

The time for this event will be from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m., when patrons of the restaurant can enjoy great food, company, art, music and wine.



Leslie's art includes a huge variety of subjects—and her media is also quite diverse: paintings and drawings created with oil, ink, watercolor and batik.

The artwork can be viewed until the end of September. Terzetto Restaurant is located in the Moraga Shopping Center at 1419 Moraga Way. Call **925-376-3832** for reservations.



Moraga Pear Festival

Saturday, **September 25**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Deadline for applications is Sept.11. Application form is attached.

Bill Klaproth is handling the registration process. Call him on 376-0708 if you have any questions

Your correspondence is appreciated.

We ask you to send any information regarding shows, events, exhibits, or special art projects LAA members might be doing to newsletter editor **Natalia Udaltsova** via e-mail:

udalnata@gmail.com.

Printed materials can be sent to:

Natalia Udaltsova

2336 Welsh Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Deadline for submitting materials for the next September issue is **August 20**.

Moraga Pear Festival

Moraga Commons, September 25

Welcome to the 12th annual Moraga Pear Festival. This is an excellent opportunity to exhibit and sell your artwork. The event celebrates Moraga's pear heritage with activities including inflatable jumpies, pie and food booths, service league and business booths, fine arts and crafts, music, and more. It will be held on Saturday, **September 25, 2010 from 10am to 4pm**. Once again, it promises to be bigger and better than ever! The \$35 registration fee entitles the artist to a 10x10 space and tables and chairs may be requested at no additional fee. Space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please register early. We expect to be able to accommodate up to 20 artists; last year 13 artists participated and had a great time with decent sales. LAA 2010 discount vouchers will be accepted.

ENTRY RULES: This event is open to ALL artists.

ENTRY FEE: \$35. (\$25 to be forwarded to the Town of Moraga). Although tables/chairs are provided; you must bring your own display set-up. You should plan on setting up Saturday morning any time after 6am; set up should be completed by 9am. If you prefer, you can set up on Friday evening; local Boy Scouts will be on hand to guard your booth overnight.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Applications will be accepted up to two weeks prior to the event (Sept. 11), but space assignment will start in late August. **Applications received by the August 28th will have a better chance of getting a "prime" location.**

If the number of applicants exceeds the planned space, you will be placed on a waiting list and we will negotiate additional space for artists if demand warrants it. Cancellations after September 11, 2010 will forfeit the entry fee. Bill Klapproth is handling the registration process; call him on 376-0708 if you have any questions.

SET UP: As in past years, Debby Koonce will coordinate the assignment and set up process and will be available throughout the day of the event. Spaces will be marked the evening before and Debbie will be on site between 5:00 and 6:30pm to consult with participants. You are encouraged to set up on Friday evening.

DISPLAY PANELS are available for rent (\$5 per panel for LAA members, \$10 for non members). Go to the LAA website (www.lafayettegallery.net or www.laa4art.org) to rent panels.

Artists are responsible to pick up and return their own rented panels. If you have any questions about set-up, call Debby at 376-7995.

SALES: Artists are responsible for their own sales; there is no commission on sales.

INSURANCE AND LIABILITY: LAA liability insurance will apply for this event. Artists are responsible for loss or damage to their artwork. Artists shall not hold the LAMORINDA ARTS ALLIANCE or any managing or sponsoring organization for MORAGA PEAR FESTIVAL responsible for any loss or damage, or any other claims filed as a result of this event.

----- (Detach and mail completed form with check)-----

MORAGA PEAR FESTIVAL-2010

ARTIST REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone: _____ email: _____

Mailing Address _____ City/Zip _____

MEDIA _____

____ Entry fee enclosed (\$35) (10x10 space) (LAA 2010 discount vouchers may be used!)

____ YES, I would like ____ tables and ____ chairs (indicate number desired).

____ Please check here if you are interested in electrical power.
We will pass your request on to the Town of Moraga, which is planning to make it available.

Please make your check payable to Lamorinda Arts Alliance and mail to:

Bill Klapproth
1897 Joseph Dr.
Moraga Ca. 94556

This form should be RETURNED by August 28th for best space assignment
FINAL deadline is September 11, 2010

